

In The Specification:

Amend first full paragraph on page 5, as follows:

A pair of midplane shrouds 70, 72 are mounted on opposite faces of the motherboard 14. Each shroud holds a pair of guidepins 74, 76 that enter corresponding pin-receiving bores ~~74~~ 75 formed in the bodies. The guidepins provide initial approximate alignment of the two mating connectors 44, 46. As the daughterboards continue to move inwardly towards their final positions, frames of the connectors 44, 46 engage guide walls of connector-receiving apertures 80, 82, that provide closer alignment of the mating connectors. A variety of motherboard structures can be used, some of which do not even include a board. However, it is desirable that any motherboard structure include guidepins or bore walls for receiving guide pins.

Amend first full paragraph on page 6, as follows:

The standoffs 101, 102 are parts of posts 110, 112 that extend through post-receiving holes 114 in the corresponding body and through holes 116 in projections 120 of the mounting bracket. Rear ends 122 of the posts carry clips 124 that may be considered parts of the posts, and that form inwardly-facing shoulders 126 that abut the mounting bracket. The posts have flanges 130 that abut the bodies 50, 52 to prevent inward movement of the bodies and connectors 44, 46 that are mounted on the bodies, when the standoff tips 106 abut one another. However, the mounting brackets 54, 56 can continue to move inward when the standoffs 101, 102 and connectors no longer move inward.